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FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

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NOVEL HUMAN K⁺ ION CHANNEL AND THERAPEUTIC APPLICATIONS THEREOF

the specification of which

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☐ was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____ and was amended on _____
(if applicable)

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority
Claimed

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(Number)

EPO
(Country)

April 21, 1998
(Day/Month/Year Filed)

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Yes No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) or under § 120 and § 365(c) of the same Title to the international application(s) designating the United States listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known by me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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(Application Serial No.)

21 April 1999
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**STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(d))--NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION**

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I hereby state that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

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I hereby state that the nonprofit organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(e) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office regarding the invention described in:

- ☒ the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.
☐ the application identified above.
☐ the patent identified above.

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